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YUGOSLAV ALUMINUM INDUSTRY EXPANDS

Yugoslavia, which possesses the largest bauxite reserves in Europe, will soon increase aluminum production 70 percent above prewar production. The Five-Year Plan calls for an aluminum output of 13,000 tons by the end of 1951.

The aluminum factory at Glinice near Sibenik in Dalmatia is scheduled to increase its aluminum output considerably. In addition to ordinary aluminum, it also produces high-grade duralumin.

The aluminum combine at Strnisce, which is supplied with bauxite from Istria, will soon begin production.

An aluminum combine at Mostar in Herzegovina, which will be larger than the combine at Strisce, is scheduled to be built during the second Five-Year Plan. Preliminary preparations for its construction have begun already.

High-quality bauxite deposits are found in the vicinity of the combine at Mostar. Hydroelectric power plants at Jablanica will furnish the combine more than 400,000 horsepower, which is two-thirds of the capacity of Dnieprostroi, or more than 1,200,000,000 kilowatts per year. Because of the proximity of necessary raw material and power, production of aluminum in this region will be very inexpensive.

Despite increased production of domestic aluminum, Yugoslavia will still export an important amount of bauxite. Its bauxite reserves are estimated at 100 million tons. Yugoslav bauxite deposits, which are located along the entire Adriatic coast, contain more than 50 percent aluminum.

FACTORY MANUFACTURES NEW ALLOY -- Borba, No 129, 31 May 50

The aluminum factory in Lozovac has begun production of a silicon-aluminum alloy for the automobile factory at Tezno near Maribor and for the engine factory in Rakovica. The alloy is used chiefly for the production of engine heads and other truck parts.

At present, all parts for trucks are being manufactured in Yugoslavia.

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